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SUBJECT: AIM-9J BRIEFING TEAM

1. USAF HEADQUARTERS HAS REQUESTED AREA CLEARANCE FOR A THREE-MAN BRIEFING TEAM HEADED BY COLONEL JAMES A. GIBSON, JR., AF/LGFP, TO VISIT EAST ASIA INCLUDING TAIWAN (MAY 20-25) TO "PROVIDE USAF/COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES CURRENT AIM-9J1 (SIC) TECHNICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION" ON PROPOSED "DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION OF THE AIM-9J1 MISSILE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS."

2. MAAG HAS NO INFORMATION ON THE AIM-9J1 AND ASSUMES IT IS THE AIM-9J (SIDEWINDER) MISSILE WHICH THE GROC HAS ALREADY PURCHASED. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL AIM-9J MISSILES AND SINCE MESSAGE STATES NEW CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED IN JANUARY 1977 ASSUME PURCHASE PROGRAM UNDER CONSIDERATION MAY BE A MULTI-YEAR ONE.

3. GIVEN THE GENERAL LACK OF KNOWLEDGE IN TAIPEI CONCERNING THE PROPOSED MISSILE SYSTEM, THE OBJECTIVE OF THE BRIEFINGS AND QUESTIONABLE APPROPRIATENESS OF INTRODUCING A NEW -- IF IT IS INDEED NEW -- AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM AT THIS TIME, WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT REVIEW PROPOSED VISIT WITH USAF AND INFORM EMBASSY OF RESULTS OF ITS REVIEW.

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